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SOURCE _____

1. On 7 December 1953, the Alte Kaserne in Parchim was heavily occupied. About 90 percent of the windows were lighted at dusk. Motor vehicles

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2. On 10 December, the Alte Kaserne was occupied to capacity by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. About 75 percent of the windows of the installation were lighted after nightfall. At 8:40 a.m., 14 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets and carrying saws and axes left the installation toward the town exit. Intensive noise of engines, presumably tank engines, was heard from the vehicle sheds. At 9:30 a.m., a T-34 tank left the installation returning after about 20 minutes.

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3. Source was not able to determine the occupation strength of Neue Kaserne. Entering and leaving troops wore red-bordered black epaulets, including about 25 percent with tank insignia. At about 10 a.m., 72 troops, armed with carbines and 3 light machine guns, left the installation toward the Garwitz firing range.

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Comment. The information tends to indicate that the Neue Kaserne was occupied as previously by the 60th Mecz Regt of the 18th Mecz Div and the Alte Kaserne by the 33d Tank Regt (US) of the division.

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